

In EAJA actions, the district court has the authority to award reasonable and necessary expenses associated with adjudicating a claim for social security benefits. *Kelly v. Bowen*, 862 F.2d 1333, 1335 (8th Cir. 1988). The Court finds that Plaintiff is entitled to EAJA fees in the amount of \$5,680.00, payable to the Plaintiff as the prevailing party. *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S.


586, 593 (2010) (holding that EAJA fees are payable to the prevailing party and may be subject to offset to satisfy any pre-existing debt owed to the United States). Further, the EAJA allows a judgment for costs, which may include an amount equal to the filing fee. 28 U.S.C. § 2412(a)(2). As such, the Court also finds that Plaintiff is entitled to reimbursement of the \$400.00 filing fee. An appropriate Judgment will accompany this Memorandum and Order.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for Award of EAJA Fees (ECF No. 25) is **GRANTED** in the amount of \$5,680.00 for attorney's fees to be paid by the Social Security Administration and \$400.00 for the filing fee to be paid from the Judgment Fund.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said award shall be made payable to the Plaintiff. A separate Judgment shall accompany this Memorandum and Order.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2015.



RONNIE L. WHITE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE